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SUBJ: SAMPLE CASES OF CAT III REFUGEES REMAINING IN THAILAND

1. EMBASSY IS PRESENTLY SENDING IN A NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR HUMANITARIAN PAROLE--GENERALLY FOR CAT I REFUGEES. THESE SHOULD SERVE AS EXAMPLES OF THE KINDS OF CAT I CASES REMAINING IN THAILAND AND MIGHT BE USEFUL IN GIVING CONGRESS AN APPRECIATION OF THE KINDS OF REFUGEES WHO COULD BE PAROLED IF NEW NUMBERS ARE MADE AVAILABLE.

2. TO GIVE DEPARTMENT BETTER PICTURE OF REMAINING CAT III CASELOAD AND FOR POSSIBLE USE WITH CONGRESS IN DISCUSSIONS EXTENDED PAROLE PROGRAM, THERE FOLLOW SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVE CASE STUDIES (THERE ARE MANY SIMILAR CASES) OF CAT III REFUGEES. THESE CASES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND DOCUMENTED DURING THE RECENT RESCREENING OF THE KHMER REFUGEE CAMPS:

A. PICH VONG PRASETH, FIRST LIEUTENANT, KHMER ARMY - PRASETH, AGE 43, JOINED THE KHMER ARMY IN 1954 AS AN INFANTRY PRIVATE. IN THE SIXTIES AS AN NCO, HE RECEIVED EXTENSIVE TRAINING AS A MEDIC AND DURING THE FIGHTING IN THE SEVENTIES LED A FIELD MEDICAL TEAM.

AT THE TIME OF THE FALL OF CAMBODIA, HE WAS STUDYING

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IN A US FUNDED SCHOOL AT UDORN, THAILAND; HE ALSO

SERVED AS INTERPRETER FOR HIS CLASS BECAUSE OF HIS GOOD SPOKEN ENGLISH. BECAUSE HE WAS STRANDED AT UDORN WHEN CAMBODIA FELL, HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE HIS WIFE AND FIVE CHILDREN IN CAMBODIA. PRASETH HAS COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL AND SPEAKS GOOD THAI AND FAIR FRENCH IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH.

B. SAVANN MEAN, SERGEANT-MAJOR, KHMER MILITARY POLICE -- SAVANN MEAN, AGE 28, JOINED THE KHMER ARMY IN 1970 AFTER SERVING AS A POLICEMAN. HE SERVED AS A MORTARMAN WITH THE FOURTH REGIMENH IN PHNOM PENH AND IN 1974 WAS DETAILED TO PRIME MINISTER IN TAM'S SECURITY FORCES. MEAN IS MARRIED AND HAS ONE SON BORN IN THE REFUGEE CAMP AT ARANYAPRATHET. HIS WIFE IS A DISTANT RELATIVE OF IN TAM. MEAN SPEAKS A LITTLE ENGLISH.

C. SENG SAMPATH, FIRST LIEUTENANT, KHMER SPECIAL FORCES -- SAMPATH, AGE 29, JOINED THE KHMER SPECIAL FORCES IN 1970 AND WAS TRAINED BY US ARMY SPECIAL FORCES INSTRUCTORS IN INDOCHINA. HE WAS PARACHUTE TRAINED IN PHNOM PENH AND HIS LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT WAS AT THAR PUOK. SAMPATH SPEAKS A LITTLE ENGLISH AND BETTER FRENCH. HE WANTS TO COME TO THE US TO JOIN HIS BROTHER. SAMPATH IS MARRIED WITH NO CHILDREN.

D. KIM HOUTH KAY, NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHER - KAY, AGE 24, WORKED FOR THE PHNOM PENH NEWSPAPER APSARA FROM 1972. BEFORE THAT HE WAS IN THE KHMER ARMY AND ATTENDED A US FUNDED NCO COURSE IN VIETNAM. KAY'S WIFE HAS A BROTHER IN ARLINGTON, VA. KAY SPEAKS A LITTLE FRENCH AND NO ENGLISH. IN ADDITION TO HIS WIFE WHO IS A SEAMSTRESS, HE IS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS MOTHER, AND THREE BROTHERS AND ONE SISTER, ALL UNDER 21.

E. PHA TAN BAUR, CUSTOMS OFFICER - BAUR, AGE 40, HAS SERVED SINCE 1956 IN THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT; BEFORE THAT HE WAS AN NCO IN THE KHMER MAVY FOR THREE YEARS. HIS WIFE HAS A BROTHER IN LONG BEACH, CA. HE SPEAKS FAIR FRENCH AND A LITTLE ENGLISH.

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F. CHHOEUY HOEUNG, LIEUTENANT, KHMER AIR FORCE - HOEUNG, 33, STUDIED IN UDORN AT A US FUNDED AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SCHOOL. HE SPEAKS GOOD FRENCH AND GOOD ENGLISH. TWENTY MECHANICS WORKED UNDER HIS SUPERVISION AS SUPERVISOR OF THE ENGINE REBUILDING SECTION OF THE KHMER AIR FORCE. AT THE FALL OF CAMBODIA, HOEUNG WAS SERVING AS INTERPRETER AT THE US FUNDED SCHOOL IN UDORN. A WIFE AND MINOR SON ARE LEFT BEHIND IN CAMBODIA.

G. SOEUNG SIVUTHA, SERGEANT, KHMER ARMY - SIVUTHA, AGE 21, JOINED THE KHMER ARMY IN 1971 AND SERVED IN THE 33D BRIGADE BEFORE BEING TRAINED AT TAM SON IN VIETNAM. HE WAS AT THE BATTLE OF NEAK LUONG AND PARTICIPATED IN CHENLA II. SIVUTHA IS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS NEPHEW. SIVUTHA SPEAKS NO ENGLISH.

H. THOU THIP, LIEUTENANT COLONEL, KHMER ARMY - THIP, AGE 35, IS A 1961 GRADUATE OF THE ECOLE MILITAIRE IN PHNOM PENH. HE JOINED THE ARMY AFTERWARD AND EVENTUALLY BECAME THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE 9TH INFANTRY BRIGADE. HE WAS WOUNDED IN COMBAT IN JANUARY 1974. HE SPEAKS SOME FRENCH AND ENGLISH AND IS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN.

I. SON LE, LIEUTENANT, KHMER ARMY - LE, AGE 32, SERVED AS A SPECIAL FORCES COMPANY COMMANDER FOR 4 YEARS, THIRD MIKE FORCE COMPANY, TAY NINH PROVINCE, VIETNAM. HE IS THE NEPHEW OF DR. SON NGOC THANH, FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF CAMBODIA, AND PRIOR DIRECTOR OF ALL MIKE FORCE OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM. LE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND VIETNAMESE.
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